GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF SAFE DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether project proposal for safe drinking water have been received from the Government of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details and the cost thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the number of villages and population likely to be affected by this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a) to (d) Water supply is a State subject and the schemes to provide drinking water facilities to rural areas are implemented by the State Government with the funds provided under the Minimum Needs Programme(MNP).The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing financial assistance under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The powers to plan, sanction and implement individual rural water supply schemes, as per the guidelines for implementation of Rural Water Supply Programme, have been delegated to the State Governments. As such State Governments are not required to submit any proposal for approval of the Central Government for taking up schemes under the ARWSP.
However, the Government of India approves the sector reform pilot projects for institutionalising community participation in the Rural Water Supply Programme. Government of Orissa had identified the districts of Sundergarh, Ganjam and Balasore for implementation of the sector reform pilot projects. The Government of India has approved the project in respect of Sundergarh for implementation at a total sanctioned project cost of Rs.4000.00 lakh. The project envisages to cover about 9000 habitations benefiting a rural population of approximately 10 lakhs.

As the projects submitted by the Government of Orissa in respect of Ganjam and Balasore were not conceptually satsifactory the State Government was requested to revise them. The revised project proposals in respect of Ganjam and Balasore estimated to cost approximately Rs.111.00 crore and Rs.87.00 crore respectively, have now been received. The project proposal in respect of Balasore district envisages to cover about 6850 habitations benefiting a rural population of approximately 18.50 lakhs. The project proposal in respect of Ganjam district envisages to cover 2769 villages benefiting a rural population of about 29 lakhs.